



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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A New Day for Coe School

Rising from the ashes of the disastrous fire of January 21, 2001, a new Coe Elementary School opened to the world on January 6, 2003.

Students, previously holding classes at Magnolia Elementary, began their new life back on Queen Anne. A public Open House is planned on Saturday, February 1. Watch the Queen Anne News for



Old Coe, October, 2000



New Coe, January, 2003

Show & Tell One of Your Family Stories at Our January Meeting

This is your chance to describe, show or demonstrate your personal and family artifacts, photos and treasures to other Society members, friends and neighbors.

There is no speaker at the January meeting. This is an event where you can come and tell those wonderful stories of those interesting people and items that have come into your family experience. Each item will trigger memories of past events on Queen Anne or around the world.

We ask you to sign in when you arrive so we can arrange the presentation order and the amount of time to allow. Each person should plan on limiting their time to about five minutes. Remember, this is a Seattle Public School site, so do not bring banned items such as guns, edged weapons, etc.

Note that this is not an appraisal event. It should be a lot of fun just to hear each other's stories.

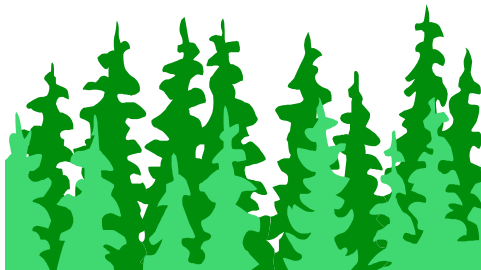
Join your neighbors at our next public meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15th, 7:30 pm

McClure Middle School Library

First Ave. West and West Crockett St.

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Our membership year ends each May 31st. **Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires.** If your label shows 2003 your renewal is needed by the end of this coming May. Please use the coupon on p. 3 to make an early renewal or to sign up your friends as supporting members. *Our thanks to those who have already renewed.* We rely on your support in the task of preserving Queen Anne's story.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369.**Thanks for being a part of a great organization!**

CALENDAR OF

Wed. Jan. 15, 2003

Program: A members' "My Special Heritage" program. Members and their friends are invited to bring personal artifacts from their family and tell about their historical significance to their family and the community. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story page 1)

Wed. Mar. 19, 2003

Program: The Wellington Avalanche of March, 1910. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. May. 21, 2003

Program: The 150th anniversary of King County and the Washington Territory. This is the Society's Annual Meeting and elections. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. June. xx, 2003

Walking Tour: The annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Date TBD

Old John Hay School Playground Renovation

The old John Hay school at 4th N and Boston is still in use, as the **Bilingual Orientation Center** for the school district. The playground is badly in need of upgrading and a plan to do that has been in work for the past year. The 1909 frame building, also part of the BOC, has been landmarked.

A volunteer group, Friends of Old Hay (FOH), has formed to support the renovation through ideas, financial support and volunteer labor and materials. Several meetings have been held and a revised site plan design will be reviewed at a public meeting, **Tuesday, Jan 14, 2003, 7:00-9:00 pm at the old Hay brick building.**

As one of Seattle's historic school sites, this project may be of interest to all our members. Please plan to attend and provide your comments. There will also be a fund raising entertainment event for the project on Friday, Jan. 17 at 7:00 pm at the new Coe Elementary School.

For more information, contact Paul Lepley of FOH at 206-284-2266 or at



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Historic Survey of QA Begins This Month

Society Members Help Needed Now

The survey of Queen Anne residences, described here previously, begins in January with training courses in how to recognize a historic home style and how to record information about it.

Local historian Mimi Sheridan will lead two two-day training programs on Jan. 7 and 11 and again on Jan. 23 and 25. Please try to make one of these sets of training days. The field survey will follow.

A second phase of the survey will provide research notes on selected houses. Training will be provided for that also.

If you have given your name previously, you will be contacted. **If you would like more information, give Ron Mason a call at 283-8630, or email him at ron@qahistory.org.** All of our members, and your friends, can be of value here.

Lifewriting Workshop Planned for Queen Anne

A one-day workshop on capturing your own or your family's memoirs is planned for Queen Anne on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm. The event will be held at the Queen Anne-Magnolia Neighborhood Service

Center at 157 Roy St.

The workshop is being put on by Cathy Fulton, who operates the Capturing Memories business in Seattle. Cathy was a speaker at one of our Society's meetings in September, 2001.

This event is not sponsored by the Queen Anne Historical Society and does have a registration fee. Participants will receive a workbook, instruction in constructing timelines and the stories that go with them, and will make connections with others in the community who are trying to preserve their family stories.

For more information contact Cathy Fulton at 206-463-5652 or at www.capturingmemories.com.

Crown of Lights Winners Chosen for 2002

It was a dark but not-stormy night on Wednesday, Dec. 18, when the judges for the annual Crown of Lights Holiday Lighting Contest made their rounds.

Russ Zabel, Queen Anne News, George Andrade, Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce, Mike Warren, Queen Anne Community Council and Bruce Jones, Queen Anne Historical Society made up the judging panel. Del Loder, from our Society, provided the transportation.

The Friar family, 1208 Bigelow Ave. N., were the "On the Boulevard" winners, recognizing the historic

Queen Anne Boulevard designated early in the 1900s. "Each year we add something new, and this year it looks like we have a herd (of reigndeer)", noted Jean Friar. The display included a sleigh and several moving reindeer.

The "Off the Boulevard" category was won by the Barclay family at 700 W. Lee St. Their Father Christmas statue dominates the view towards the west, along with many lights and a manger scene. They bought the 500 lb tree trunk statue from the sculptor in Port Townsend when they saw it on his truck.



Father Christmas at 700 W. Lee St.

Winners will receive a copy of our Queen Anne history book, a \$50 gift certificate and a prize certificate.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

☐ Individual	\$15	☐ Patron	\$50 - \$199
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Yes, I want to order the Society's book, Queen Anne—Community on the Hill. I understand that shipping costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: \$25 (\$20 for paid members)

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Please send me the following

Soft cover qty: _____. Total cost: \$ _____

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***Coming up:* Share your family's historical artifacts during a "show and tell" at the Jan. 15th Program**



NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES BY KIM TURNER

Traditions and the Holidays

It was a lovely, sometimes moist evening. I stood with a small group of neighborhood people in the new park at 4th Avenue N. and Ward Street. We were waiting for midnight of December 31st. Next to us was a beautiful new house, built on the foundation of the slightly smaller home in which I lived from 1959 to 1973. Someone had realized the potential of the site and reconstructed a three-story house with decks off the upper two levels, facing the Seattle Center and downtown. I had my camera and a bottle of pink lemonade.

I had taken pictures of the lights at the Seattle Center and walked up Third Avenue N. to the top of the stairs at Ward Street, then walked east along Ward, seeing changes in residents and their homes. Parties were going on all along the street. Fireworks were set off at the top of the stairs at 4th N. and Ward, up to a quarter of twelve. Then people began to come out of their homes and walk to the park. From this point the Space Needle is straight ahead. Another photographer with camera and tripod set up his equipment on the sidewalk above the park. We were all ready. I had even found my

cowbell with which I greeted countless New Years until it got boxed away about fifteen years ago. Now it was ready.

The Needle light darkened. Suddenly, breathtaking fireworks shot from the sides of the needle, going up and back down again. For the next few minutes we were all oohing and aahing the spectacle. Yelling out "Happy New Year" in variations to one another, we welcomed in the year and chased the dark powers away with our noise. I managed to take several pictures, even while clanging the bell and cheering. It was, in many ways, a wonderful change from heavy partying in past years. I talked with several of the local residents about the way the neighborhood has changed and yet, remained as vital as it was when I was a teenager. New families with young children were evident all along the streets, and it was with sweet memories that I strolled back down the Hill to catch my bus to Ballard and my home away from Queen Anne.

Kim Turner, Archivist, 2002-03

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